

# **HISTORY AND TRADITION OF THE ARMY DENTAL CARE SYSTEM**

APR 04

# **1. Terminal Learning Objective**

**Given information of the  
Army  
Dental Corps and its  
significance to the Army  
Dental Care System discuss  
the history and its tradition  
IAW Colonel John E. King  
Highlights in the History of  
U. S. Army Dentistry.**

## **2. Enabling Learning Objectives**

**a. Given historical information**

**of the Army Dental Corps**

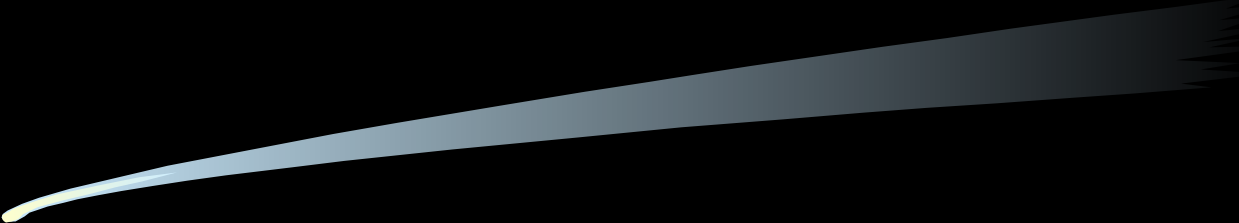
**state the year of the significant event(s)**

**IAW**

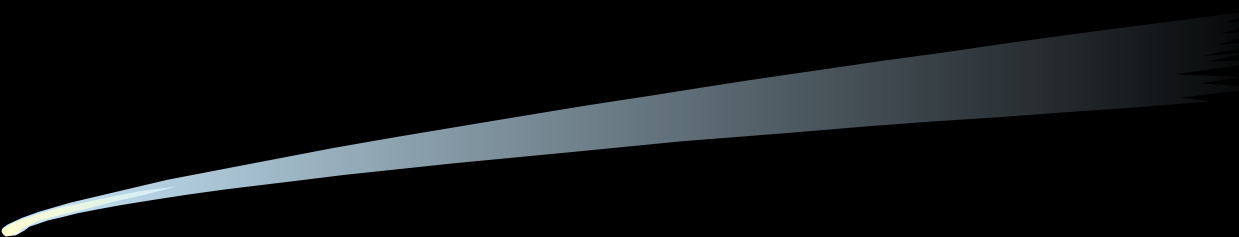
**Colonel John E. King  
Highlights in the**

**History of**

**b. Given information on the history of the Army Dental Corps identify the three positions that were occupied by general officers IAW Colonel John E. King Highlights in the History of U. S. Army Dentistry.**



**c. Given the information of the evolution of the DENTAC concept, identify the significant events IAW Colonel John E. King Highlights in the History of U. S. Army Dentistry. .**



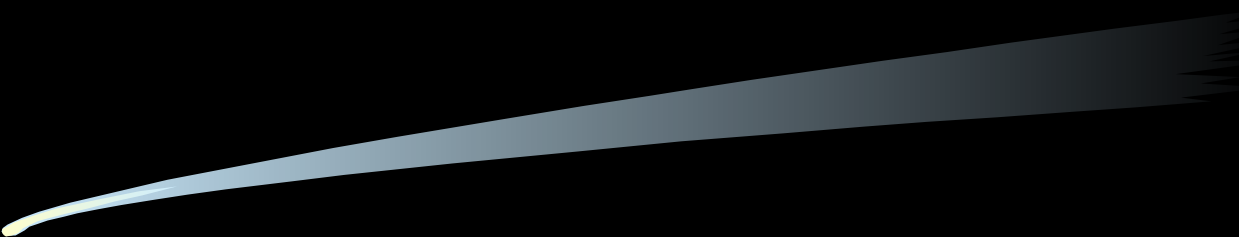
# **1. Highlights in Dental Corps History.**



**a. 1775-Army**

**(1) Formed on 14 Jun**

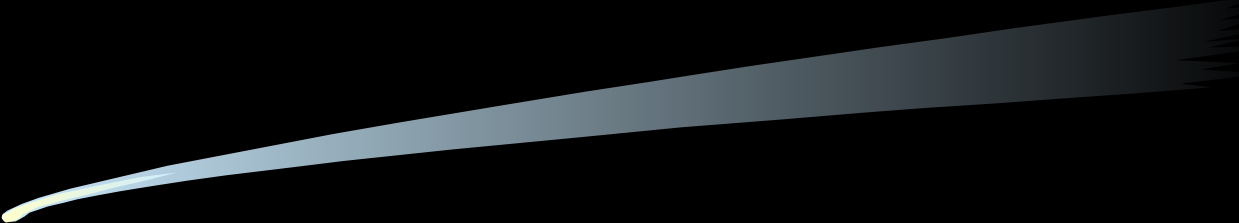
**(2) Revolutionary war.**



**b. Paul Revere - Silver smith.**

**(1) Warned Colonies of  
British.**

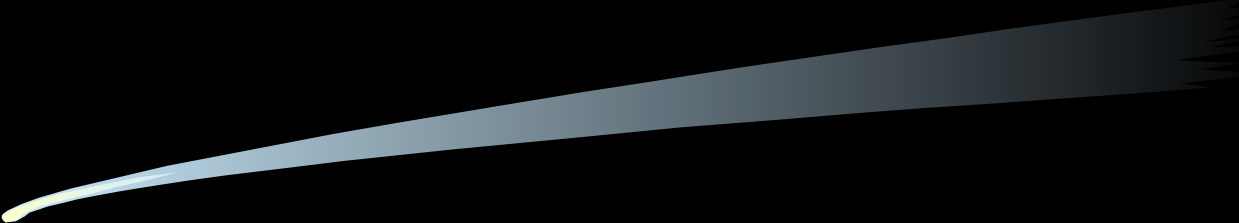
**(2) First case of Military  
Forensic dentistry.**



**c. 1812/1848-War with England  
and Mexico.**

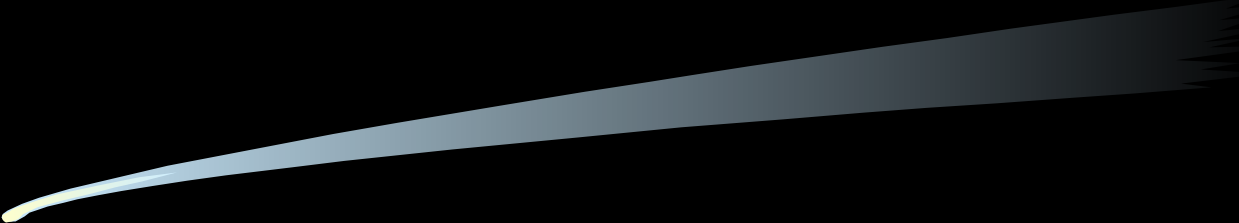
**(1) Soldiers paid civilian  
dentists.**

**(2) Used itinerant tooth  
drawers.**



**d. 1840-First dental school established.**

**e. 1861 Era-Recruits turned away, must have 6 opposing anteriors.**



**f. 1864-Confederate Army  
conscripts dentists.**

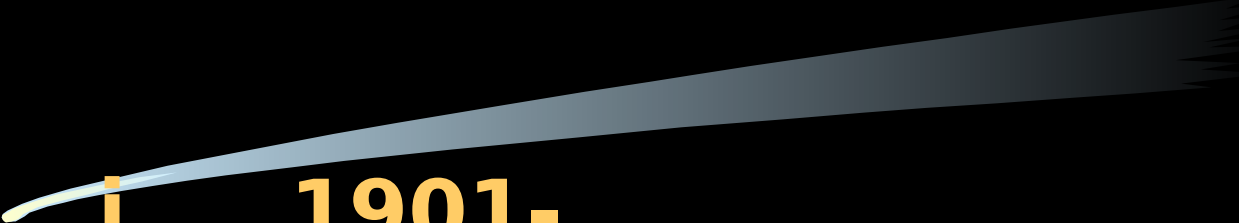
**g. 1872-1st Army dentist Dr  
William Saunders.**

**h. 1898-**

**(1) Army Dental Corps  
legislation fails, soldiers  
still responsible for own  
health.**

**(2) Enlisted soldier  
appointed to practice  
dentistry Dr W. C.  
Ware, hospital corpsman.**

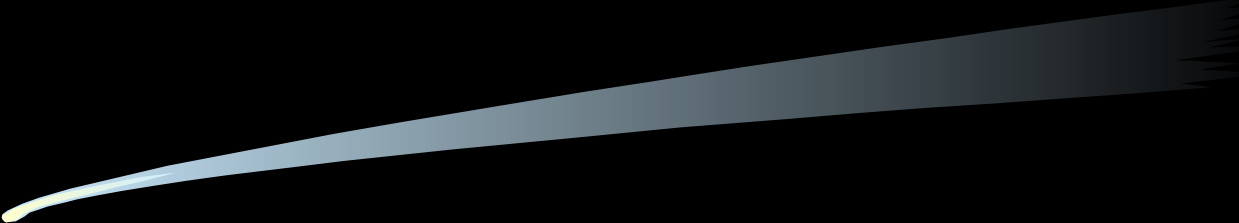
**(2) First dental surgeon Dr**



**I. 1901-**

**(1) Congress directs Army  
to appoint 30 contract  
dentists.**

**(2) Dr John Marshall, first  
contract dentist  
considered father of  
Army dentistry.**



**j. 1906-Dr Leonie Von  
Meusenbach 1st woman dentist  
to work for The Army.**

**k. 1911-Army Dental Corps  
established (officers  
commissioned).**

# **I. 1917-World War I.**

**(1) 6 Apr U. S. declares war  
on Germany.**

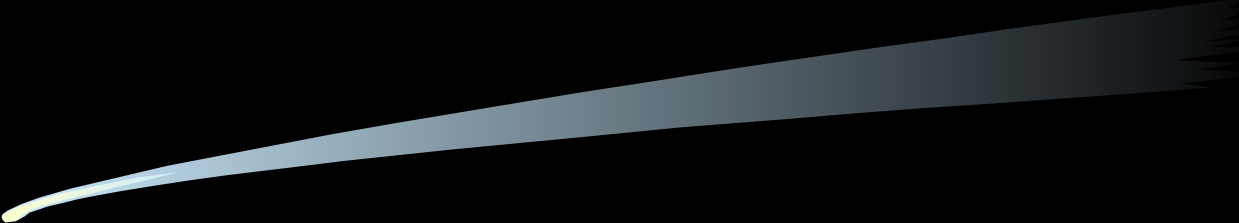
**(2) 9 Aug Maj William  
Logan appointed Chief  
Dental Corps.**

**(3) 20 Aug 1st dental unit  
lands in France.**

## **m. World War I Statistics.**

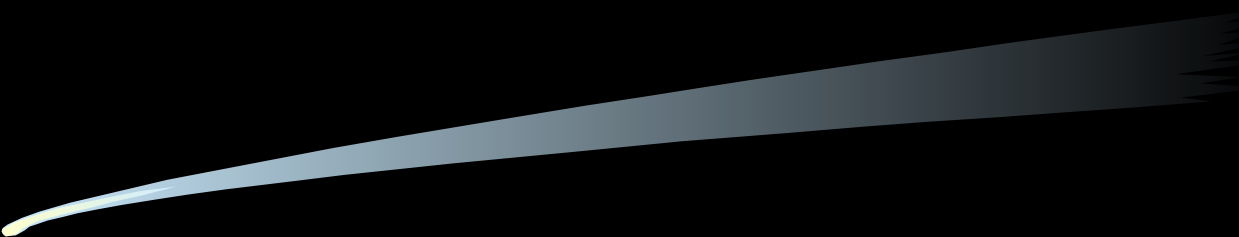
**(1) 1.4 million patients treated.**

**(2) 14 dental personnel,  
dentists & assistants KIA  
(7 officers and 7  
enlisted).**



**(3) 36 dental personnel, WIA.**

**(4) 8 dental officers died of disease.**



**n. 1918-A school for dental officers and their assistants opened at Ft Oglethorpe, Ga.**

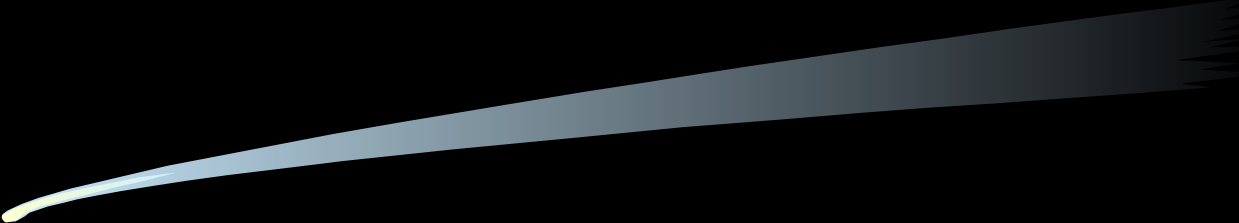
**o. 1927-Central Dental Laboratories established at Walter Reed, Letterman and Ft Sam Houston.**

**p. 1938-First BG as Chief of  
Dental Corps. (BG Liegh C.  
Fairbanks)**

**q. 1941-World War II.**

**(1) 24 Hour clinic  
operation.**

**(2) Temporary rank of MG  
for Chief of DC.**



**(3) Clear synthetic eye adopted  
for use.**

**(4) 16.2 million extractions.**

**(5) 69.5 million extractions**

**(6) 2.5 million dentures.**

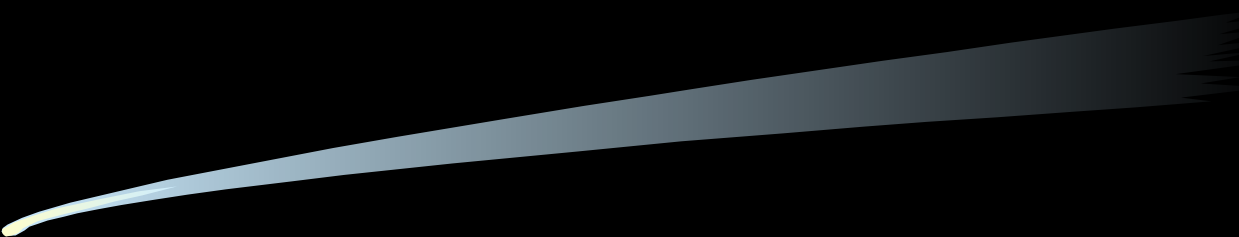


**r. 1951-Korean War.**

**(1) First woman commissioned  
in**

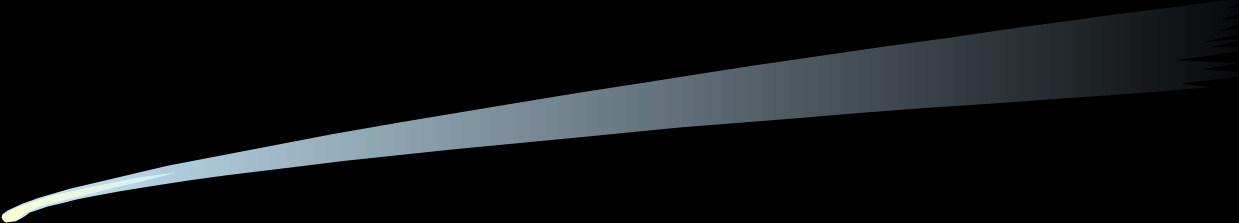
**dental corps (Helen E.  
Myers).**

**(2) First use of area support.**



**(3) 2 Dental personnel KIA.**

**(4) 1 Dental person MIA.**



**s. 1955-Dental laboratory and  
assistant schools  
started at Ft Sam  
Houston.**

**t. 1957-Dental hygiene  
program created at Ft  
Sam Houston.**

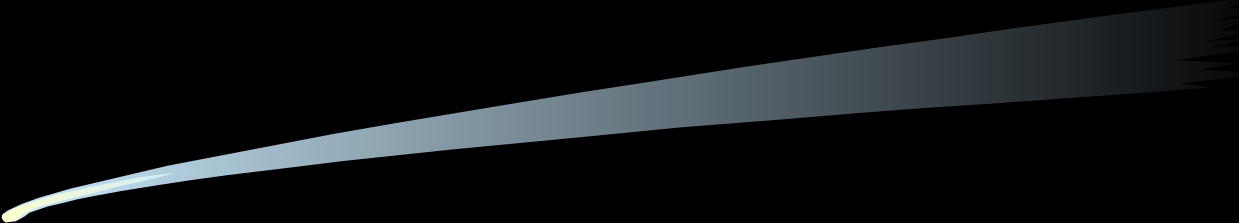


**u. 1962-Vietman era.**

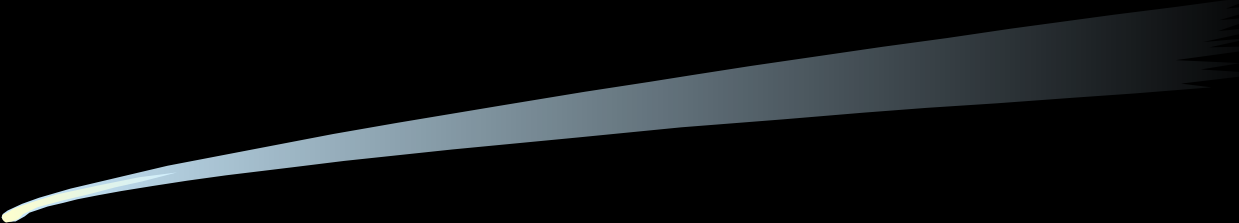
**(1) Apr 62-first dental unit  
deployed.**

**(2) Apr 73-last dentist  
leaves.**

**(3) 4 officers and 4 enlisted  
KIA.**



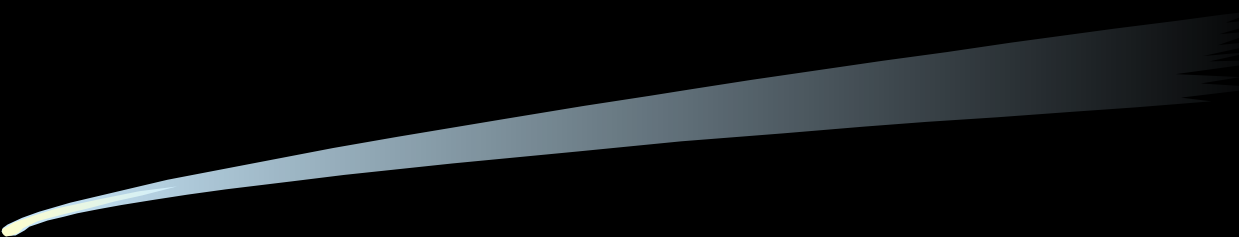
**v. 1972-The Dental Therapy  
Assistant (DTA) program  
created.**



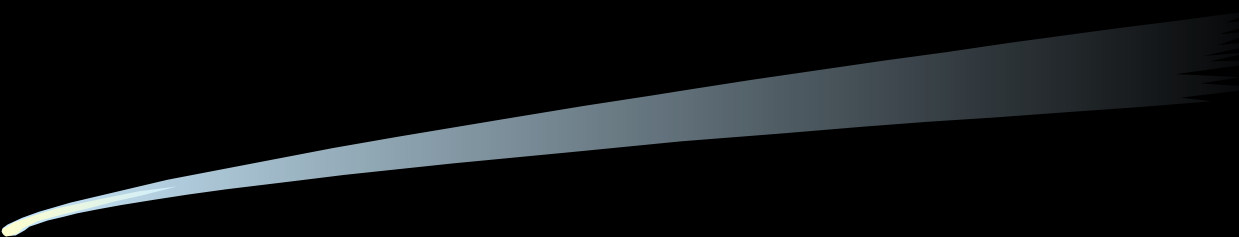
**w. 1973-HSC becomes a major command.**

**x. 1978-DENTAC concept introduced.**

**y. 1983-Alternate war role defined by TSG.**



**z. 1984-Family member care  
authorized on a world  
wide triservice, space  
available basis beginning 1  
July 1985.**



**aa. 1985-1991**

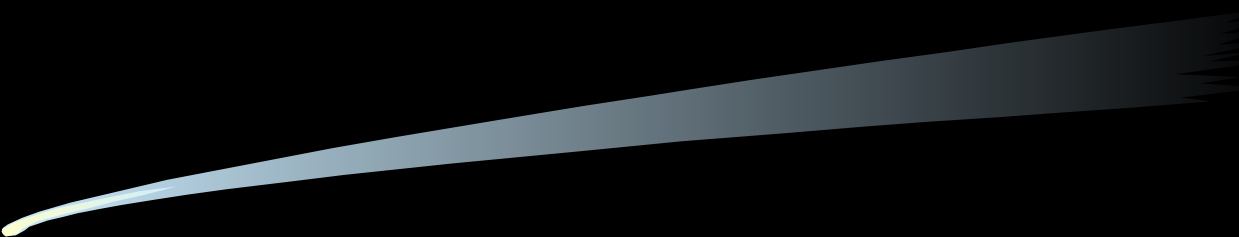
**(1) Dental Insurance  
Program.**

**(2) 1991-AMEDD BNCOC  
linked**

**to Dental NCO  
management**

**Course and Senior  
Dental**

**Laboratory Specialist**



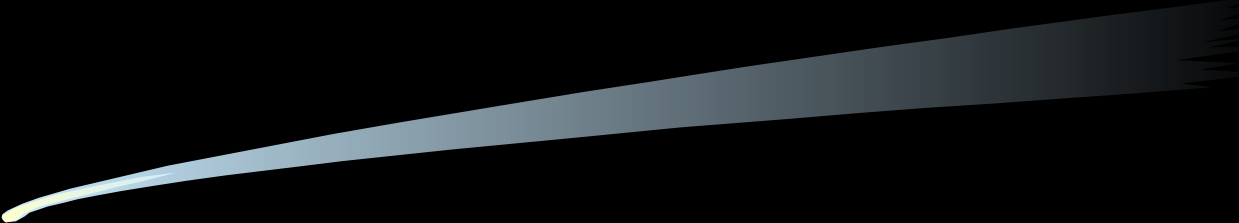
# **1. Dental Corps Command and Control History.**

## **a. Chief of Corps.**

**(1) Colonel until 1938.**

**(2) 1938-First BG as Chief  
DC (Leight C.**

**Fairbanks).**



**(3) 1943-Temporary rank of MG  
(BG Robert M. Mills).**

**(4) 1946-Permanent rank of MG  
(MG Thomas L. Smith).**



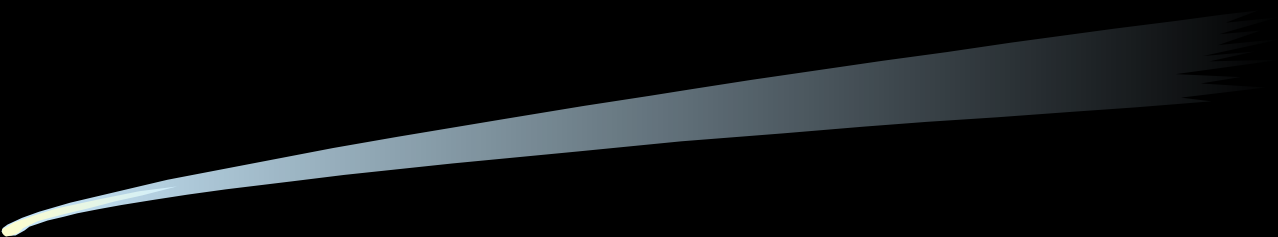
**b. Sub-commands under Chief  
Dental Corps.**

**(1) HSC-Established in 1973.**

**(a) BG DC as deputy  
commander.**

**(b) Serves as Director of  
Dental Services.**

**(2) 7th MEDCOM-Europe BG as  
deputy Cdr.**



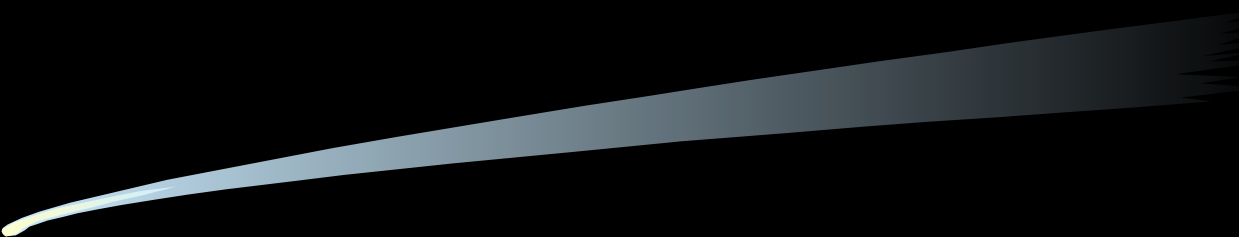
# **1. Significance of DENTAC Concept.**



**a. Methods of measuring.**

**(1) Patient visits.**

**(2) Procedures.**



**b. Increased steadily since 1972.**

**(1) Command emphasis.**

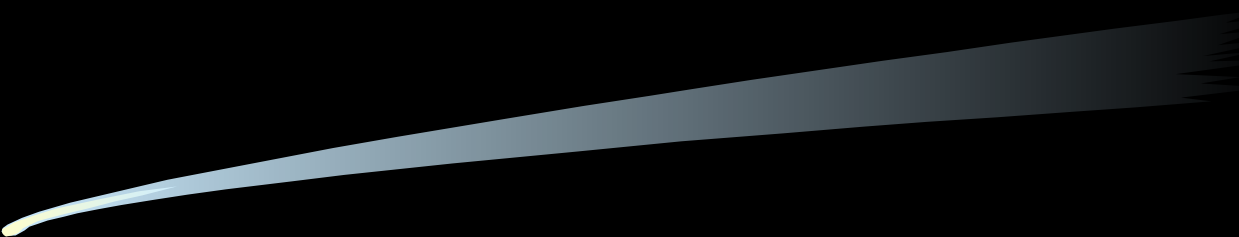
**(2) Accounting system changes.**



**c. Dental Work Load Reporting System (DWRS).**

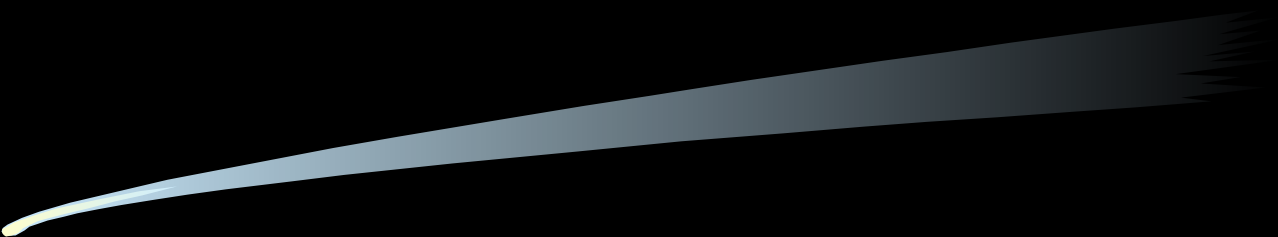
**(1) Computerized system.**

**(2) Evolved since 1978 to  
present system and  
continues to evolve.**

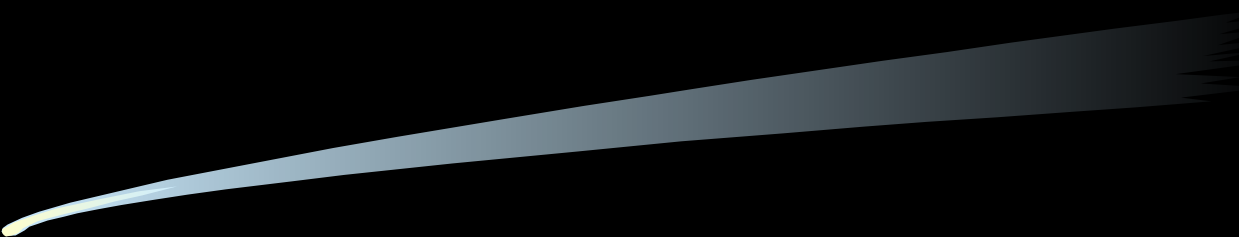


**(3) AR 40-182.**

**(4) Reports all specialties.**



# QUESTIONS



**A. State the year of the dental historical event(s).**

**B. Identify three positions held by general officers.**

**C. Identify the significant events**